

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1961

Dear Miss Traina:

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter of January 24 but the tremendous volume of mail has made it impossible to get to it sooner. It may be just as well, however, since now I have definite information for you. On March first the President established an organization known as the Peace Corps which I think you will wish to look into. I am enclosing press releases which give details on it, and am also forwarding your letter to the officials of the Peace Corps who are concerned with placement.

With many thanks for the support you have given the President, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,



Theodore C. Sorensen
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to the President

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PEACE CORPS

Washington 25, D. C.

February 15, 1962

Miss Geraldine Traina
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Dear Miss Traina:

I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for training and possible service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines. A description of the project is enclosed.

Training for this project will begin April 1, 1962 at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, and will last until June 8. There will be a further orientation period of several weeks in the Philippines before Volunteers actually begin their assigned duties.


Included in the training and orientation programs will be the study of Filipino culture, history, economics, education, and government, as well as instruction in the teaching of English as a second language and refresher courses in American civilization and international affairs.

During the period at Penn State, trainees are evaluated with respect to technical ability and general personal suitability for the job for which they are best fitted as well as for the project as a whole. Final selection for Peace Corps service takes place only at the end of the training program. In previous projects, about nine out of ten of those persons entering training were able to proceed overseas with the group.

Volunteers will be given approximately ten days of home leave between completion of the training program and departure for the Philippines. Information concerning travel and other arrangements will be sent to you upon receipt of your reply to this letter.

Please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than February 23 whether or not you can accept this invitation. Use the enclosed acceptance form and prepaid envelope in replying and make sure, if you accept the invitation, that you complete and enclose the necessary medical, security and other forms.

Sincerely,



Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr.
Director

Questionnaire No. 432
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